

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION**

**NO. 2021-\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY REQUESTING THAT THE FAYETTE COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUBMIT A MAP TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING THE DISTRICTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY; AND REQUESTING FURTHER THAT ONE MEMBER'S DISTRICT SHALL BE COTERMINUS WITH THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF FAYETTE COUNTY; AND REQUESTING FURTHER THAT THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS' DISTRICTS SHALL BE FOUR SEPARATE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY ENCOMPASSING ALL THE AREA OF FAYETTE COUNTY; AND REQUESTING FURTHER THAT THE VOTING METHODOLOGY BE CHANGED SO THAT THE CANDIDATE OFFERING FOR ELECTION FROM THE DISTRICT COTERMINUS WITH THE BOUNDARIES OF FAYETTE COUNTY WILL BE ELECTED AT-LARGE WHILE THE CANDIDATES OFFERING FOR ELECTION FROM THE REMAINING FOUR DISTRICTS WILL BE ELECTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT; TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, hereinafter the "Board of

Commissioners”, is the duly enacted governing authority of Fayette County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the Georgia General Assembly adopted legislation amending the districts for members of the Board of Commissioners, with said legislation based on data from the 2010 Census; and

**WHEREAS**, since the adoption of said legislation, the United States Census Bureau has released data pertaining to the 2020 Census; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners now request that the Georgia General Assembly adopt legislation amending the districts for members of the Board of Commissioners to ensure that said districts are substantially equal based on the 2020 Census data in compliance with established Supreme Court precedent.<sup>1</sup>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Fayette County Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly amend the districts for members of the Board of Commissioners during the 2022 session as follows:

1.

The Board of Commissioners requests that the five districts for the members of the Board of Commissioners shall be amended as follows:

- a. District One shall be a district consistent with the area labeled on the Fayette County Map as “1” lying more or less in the northwestern are of Fayette County, said map being attached hereto as Exhibit “A” with said Exhibit “A” being incorporated herein by this reference. District One is further described in the Legal Description attached

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<sup>1</sup> See Reynolds v. Sims, 377 U.S. 533 (1964).

hereto as Exhibit “B” with said Exhibit “B” being incorporated herein by this reference. The commissioner elected from District One shall be the District One Commissioner.

- b. District Two shall be a district consistent with the area labeled on Exhibit “A” as “2”, lying more or less in the southern part of Fayette County. District Two is further described in Exhibit “B”. The commissioner elected from District Two shall be the District Two Commissioner.
- c. District Three shall be a district consistent with the area labeled on Exhibit “A” as “3”, lying more or less in the western part of Fayette County. District Three is further described in Exhibit “B”. The commissioner elected from District Three shall be the District Three Commissioner.
- d. District Four shall be a district consistent with the area labeled on Exhibit “A” as “4”, lying more or less in the northern part of Fayette County. District Four is further described in Exhibit “B”. The commissioner elected from District Four shall be the District Four Commissioner.
- e. District Five shall be a district which is coterminous with the boundaries of Fayette County. The commissioner elected from District Five shall be the District Five Commissioner.

2.

The Board of Commissioners requests that the members of the Board of Commissioners from Districts One, Two, Three and Four be elected by electors who reside within the respective

districts. The Board of Commissioners further requests that the member of the Board of Commissioners from District Five be elected by all the electors who reside within Fayette County. In addition to being eligible to vote for the District Five Commissioner, the electors residing in District One shall also be eligible to vote for the District One Commissioner. In addition to being eligible to vote for the District Five Commissioner, the electors residing in District Two shall also be eligible to vote for the District Two Commissioner. In addition to being eligible to vote for the District Five Commissioner, the electors residing in District Three shall also be eligible to vote for the District Three Commissioner. In addition to being eligible to vote for the District Five Commissioner, the electors residing in District Four shall also be eligible to vote for the District Four Commissioner.

3.

The Board of Commissioners requests that the new districts as described in Paragraph 1 of this resolution, and the method of voting as described in Paragraph 2 of this resolution be approved and implemented by the Georgia General Assembly in time for all necessary work to be accomplished in preparation for qualifying which shall begin in March 2022.

**SO RESOLVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
FAYETTE COUNTY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lee Hearn, Chairman

(SEAL)

**ATTEST:**

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Tameca P. Smith, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

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County Attorney